

**MINUTES
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2011
FREMONT CITY HALL
7:00 P.M.**

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Call to Order: Mayor Wasserman called the meeting to order.

1.2 Flag Salute: Mayor Wasserman led the salute to the flag.

1.3 Roll Call: Present: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan, Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra.

1.4 Announcements by Mayor/City Manager – None.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

* **2.1 Waive Reading of Ordinances – None.**

* **2.2 Approval of Minutes – None.**

3. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

3.1 Resolution of Council Intent to Improve Iron Horse Lane and Extending Appreciation to Alan Heyman

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Oral and Written Communications

Wynn Grcich (A.T.O.W.N.) expressed concern about the potential contamination of local drinking water.

5. SCHEDULED ITEMS – None.

6. REPORT FROM CITY ATTORNEY

6.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of a Report Out from Closed Session of Any Final Action- None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration to Receive Update on South Fremont/Warm Springs Area Studies

*Consent Items

Economic Development Director Lori Taylor provided an overview of the EDA grant and its purpose and outlined efforts to date. Planning Director Jeff Schwob presented an approach to complete the studies and reviewed land use categories prior to purchase of the 167 acres by Union Pacific Railroad and land use concepts. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Economic Development Director Taylor introduced Scott Moore (Union Pacific Railroad representative). Mr. Moore provided comments related to the Railroad's purchase of the 167 acres of property. Mr. Moore responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Wasserman opened the item for public comment. Nina Moore (Fremont Chamber of Commerce) encouraged all stakeholders in this discussion to maintain open dialogue in an effort to maintain a constructive partnership between the City and Union Pacific Railroad. There were no other speakers. Mayor Wasserman closed public comment. No action was taken.

7.2 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of FY 2011/12 Budget Balancing Strategies and Labor Relations Guidelines

City Manager Fred Diaz provided introductory remarks. Assistant City Manager Mark Danaj outlined the major points of the presentation. Finance Director Harriet Commons provided an overview of the fiscal outlook. Assistant City Manger Mark Danaj presented four budget development strategies, reviewed six labor relations guidelines and outlined next steps. Staff responded to questions from Councilmembers. Mayor Wasserman opened the item for public comment. Bill Pease expressed concern related to employee compensation packages. There were no other speakers. Mayor Wasserman closed public comment. Councilmembers provided comment.

On a motion by Councilmember Natarajan, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council adopted the budget strategies and guiding principles for labor negotiations outlined in this report and directed staff to pursue ongoing budgetary solutions that are representative of these strategies and guidelines in developing the fiscal year 2011/12 budget.

Ayes:	Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan, Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

7.3 Mayor Wasserman opened consideration of Amendment to the Public Improvements Grant Agreement between the City and the Redevelopment Agency

On a motion by Councilmember Natarajan, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, the City Council adopted Resolution 2011-15 authorizing the City Manager/Redevelopment Agency Executive Director, or his designee, to execute Amendment No. 11 to the Public Improvements Grant Agreement between the City and the Redevelopment Agency for funding of various Public Improvements Projects undertaken by the City.

Ayes: Mayor Wasserman, Vice Mayor Chan,
Councilmembers: Natarajan, Harrison and Dutra
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Council Referrals – None.

8.2 Oral Reports on Meetings and Events - None

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Wasserman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk

BOB WASSERMAN, Mayor